



**Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
Marketing and Outreach Division**

**WATERLOO RECREATION AREA-EDDY DISCOVERY CENTER PROGRAMS  
SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2013**

**Hours of Operation:** The Center will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues. through Sat. and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sun.  
**Gerald Eddy Discovery Center**, 17030 Bush Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118. (734)475-3170.  
**An \$11 annual Recreation Passport is required for entry in the Waterloo Recreation Area.**

**Labor Day Fitness Walk.** September 2, Registration 9 a.m. Walk 10 a.m. Bring your family out for the 3rd Annual Labor Day Walk, sponsored by the Healthy Communities Walking Program. Registration begins at 9 am and both walks begin at 10 am. Walk options range from a 5 mile, hillier "hike" to a less rugged 1.5 mile scavenger hunt trail. Warm-up games for kids start at 9:30 am. Snacks and drinks will be available before and after the walk. Cost: Free.

**Geocaching 101.** Saturday, September 7, 1 p.m. Discover a fun activity for the entire family to get outside and enjoy a hike. Learn to navigate using a GPS device collecting clues and treasure. Bring a few small trinkets to trade. Cost: Free.

**Dragonflies: Acrobats of the Sky.** Sunday, September 8, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Dragonflies are remarkably beautiful and commonly seen, yet most people know little about them. Join Don Henise for a short indoor program to learn more about these amazing creatures, and then head over to Mill Lake to find some in their natural habitat. Bring your binoculars or borrow a pair from the Center. Advance registration required at 734-475-3170. Limited to 25 people. Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

**Mushroom Hunt.** Saturday, September 14 at 9:00 a.m.(Potluck)Michigan Mushroom Hunters Association is hosting a public mushroom hunt! Meet at the Mill Lake Campground entrance on Bush Rd. (a short distance beyond the road leading to the Eddy Discovery Center)Hunt leader: Phil Tedeschi - (734) 355-0359 or philt@umich.edu

**Arrows Away.** Sept. 14, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Learn a traditional outdoor skill through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 8 and up. Cost: Free.

**Incredible Edibles.** Sunday, September 15, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy a walk around the Discovery Center with wild edibles expert Tom Jameson and learn what Mother Nature has to offer. Tom will share some of his recipes and his gourmet cooking after the hike. Advance registration required at 734-475-3170. Limited to 35 people. Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

**Morning Fitness Hikes.** Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 17 through November 19. 8:30 a.m. Moderately paced hiking on the trails surrounding the Eddy Discovery Center. Join the pack and get fit. Cost: Free. (734)475-3170.

**Geocaching 101.** Saturday, September 21, 1 p.m. Discover a fun activity for the entire family to get outside and enjoy a hike. Learn to navigate using a GPS device collecting clues and treasure. Bring a few small trinkets to trade. Cost: Free.

**Eddy Discovery Center Lock-OUT.** Saturday, September 21, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ages 11 and up. Grab your flashlight! The Chelsea District Library is having its first ever Lock-OUT at the Eddy Discovery Center. Gather round the campfire dinner of hot dogs and kabobs, and enjoy a private tour of the Discovery Center. After a few ghost stories, Park Interpreter Katie McGlashen will lead a night hike in the Center's mysterious bog to see night animals and perhaps catch sight of a will-o'-the-wisp. End the evening back at the campfire with SUPER S'mores! Registration through the Chelsea Library required. 734) 475-8732.

**Sketching Nature: 2 Part Series.** Sundays, September 22 and 29, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Here is your chance to learn the basics of sketching and watercolors so you can record exciting nature observations as you walk through woods and fields. We will begin indoors where we will focus on developing drawing techniques and observational skills under the direction of Artemis Eyster, and then head outside to practice those skills. Cost: \$2 plus materials fee. Advance registration required at 734-475-3170. Limited to 15 participants. Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

**Sensing Animals.** Sunday, September 22, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Many wild animals can see, hear, or smell things much better than humans. In this hands-on program, Science Alive will bring live animals to demonstrate the amazing ways they use their senses to learn about and survive in their environments. Advance registration requested at 734-475-3170. Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

**Arrows Away.** Sept. 28, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Learn a traditional outdoor skill through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 8 and up. Cost: Free.

**Fall Mushroom Search.** Sunday, September 29, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Come search the woods to find and collect fall mushrooms! Afterwards, mushroom expert Phil Tedeschi will talk about what you have collected and identify those that are edible. Bring a basket or paper bag and waxed paper for collecting. Advance registration required at 734-475-3170. Limited to 30 people. Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

**After School Archery: 6 week Series.** Thursdays, October 3 through November 14 (no class held October 31). 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118. Instruction will emphasize technique, drills and skills used by USA Archery. Age 8 to 18. Pre-registration required. (734)475-3170. Cost: Free.

**Apple Cider Pressing.** Saturday, October 5. 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Become part of the process from start to finish, with lots of family time and great cider! Cost: Free.

**Arrows Away.** October 5, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn a traditional outdoor skill through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 8 and up. Cost: Free.

**Survival Skills You can Use!** Sunday, October 6, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Could you survive a night on your own in the woods? Artemis Eyster will teach you how to make a shelter and a bed, build a fire, make your own string, and most importantly, avoid getting lost. This hands-on program for ages 10 and up will teach you skills you can use for a lifetime. Advance registration required at 734-475-3170. Limited to 25 people. Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

**Self-Guided Fall Color and Sandhill Crane Tour.** Large numbers of Sandhill Cranes can be seen in parts of the Waterloo Recreation Area through late November. Beginning October 5, visitors may pick up free maps to the best fall color routes and crane viewing areas around the Waterloo Recreation Area. A film "The Sandhill Crane Story" will be shown on request.

**Apple Cider Pressing.** Saturday, October 12. 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Become part of the process from start to finish, with lots of family time and great cider! Cost: Free.

**Arrows Away.** October 19, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn a traditional outdoor skill through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 8 and up. Cost: Free.

**Animal Interactions.** Sunday, October 20, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Join us for an entertaining and educational afternoon with a variety of live animals brought by Chris Oesterling of Interactive Animal Education. Get a close-up look at these animals while learning about their lifestyles and special adaptations for survival. Advance registration requested at 734-475-3170. Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

**Geocache Trick or Treating.** Saturday, October 26, 1 p.m. Learn how to use a GPS unit to navigate trails and find the hidden treats, but don't get tricked. Appropriate for any age hikers able to follow rugged hilly terrain. Cost: Free.

**Sandhill Crane Tour.** Sunday, October 27, 2 p.m. Local expert Bill Wells will show a film about Sandhill Cranes and then lead a driving tour to view them around the Waterloo Recreation Area. Visitors can expect to see large flocks of these magnificent birds at close range. Bring binoculars and cameras. Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

**Rapteriffic!** Sunday, November 10, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Live raptors will be featured in this entertaining program by the Leslie Science Center. Learn about the amazing eyesight of hawks and the remarkable hearing of owls as you view these hunters of the sky up close. Advance registration requested at 734-475-3170. Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

**Webelos Scouting Outing.** Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m. Geologist Program and 1 p.m. Naturalist Program. Earn your Webelo Geologist badge as you find out how to identify rocks and minerals and learn about earth's history, then discover ways humans affect the environment as you earn your Naturalist Badge. Pre-registration required. (734)475-3170 Cost: Free.

**Turkey Talk.** Saturday, November 23, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. If it walks like a turkey, and talks like a turkey, it's probably a... Park Interpreter acting like a Turkey! Every Tom, Jake and Hen knows that Turkeys are a hot topic this time of year. Learn how the North American Wild Turkey was brought back from the brink of extinction. Dress a turkey, act like a turkey, and make a turkey call to take home. Cost: Free